श्री सभापति: अच्छा एक काम कर लीजिए।...(**व्यवधान**)...एक मिनट आप मेरी सुन लीजिए।...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री लालू प्रसाद: सभापति महोदय, रेलवे बोर्ड के चेयरमैन को हटा दिया जाना चाहिए। वे बिना जांच के कैसे बयान दे देते हैं। रेलवे बोर्ड के चेयरमैन जांच रिपोर्ट आने के पहले कैसे बयान दे देते हैं? ऐसे लोगों को हटाया जाए।...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री एस. एस. अहलूवालिया: सर, अगर ऐसे ही चलता रहेगा तो कभी प्रश्न-काल समाप्त ही नहीं होगा।...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सभापति: माननीय सदस्यगण, मैंने दूसरा प्रश्न कॉल कर लिया है।... (**व्यवधान**)... मंत्री जी आप खड़े हो जाइये। माननीय कृषि मंत्री जी आप बोलिए। ...(**व्यवधान**)... मैंने दूसरा प्रश्न ले लिया है इसलिए अब आप सब बैठ जाइये। ...(**व्यवधान**)... You have taken more than half-an hour. वह सब कुछ हो गया है।...(**व्यवधान**)....देखिए यह ठीक नहीं होगा। आपके लिए भी ठीक नहीं होगा। एक प्रश्न ने आधा घंटे से ज्यादा का समय ले लिया है। दूसरे माननीय सदस्य भी प्रश्न पूछना चाहते हैं। यह प्रश्न ड्राउट के संबंध में है। यह कम इम्पोर्टेंट नहीं है। यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण सवाल है। इसलिए आप बैठ जाइये।...(**व्यवधान**)...श्री मूल चन्द मीणा।... (**व्यवधान**)

Central teams for drought affected States

†*62. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:††

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have yet to give clearance for Central teams to visit their States and assess the drought damage, before funds could be released under the Natural Calamity Contingency Fund;

(b) if so, whether the affected States had submitted memoranda to the Centre, asking for funds from NCCF, to tackle the drought situation;

† Starred Question Nos. 62, 66 and 70 were taken together.

†† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Moolchand Meena.

(c) if so, which States the Central teams have visited and were planning to visit;

(d) what is the total damage caused by drought; and

(e) what steps were taken by the affected States to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (e) Memoranda for assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) have been received from the following States:-

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Chhattisgarh
3. Haryana
4. Himachal Pradesh
5. Jammu & Kashmir
6. Jharkhand
7. Karnataka
8. Kerala
9. Madhya Pradesh
10. Maharashtra
11. Orissa
12. Punjab
13. Rajasthan
14. Tamil Nadu
15. Uttaranchal
16. Uttar Pradesh

Central Teams have visited all the above States except Kerala. All the Teams have submitted their reports. In case of Kerala the State Government has been requested to furnish further information and clarifications.

It is estimated that the loss of production in kharif foodgrains production will be of the order of 18.72 per cent. Shortage of fodder and drinking water is also being experienced in many States, States have taken many steps to deal with the situation including initiation of relief works, provision of drinking water including its transport through Rail in Rajasthan, setting up of fodder depots, remission of land revenue and in many cases stocking of foodgrains at the village level. Certain States have suspended recovery of co-operative dues and not resorting to coercive measures to effect recovery. Power supply for a minimum period and seed subsidy for growing fodder etc. are some other notable steps taken by the State Government.

Foodgrains and financial assistance for drought affected States

†*66. SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that relief is not reaching the drought affected victims;

(b) if so, what is the total assistance provided to drought affected States, in terms of foodgrains and financial assistance;

(c) how much was made available to the drought victims;

(d) what was their total demand; and

(e) to what extent it fell short of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

† Starred Question Nos. 62, 66 and 70 were taken together.